Mobilizing Capital from Domestic and Foreign Markets by NTPC

†*213. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is considering to mobilize capital from domestic and foreign markets for its different projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that NTPC has decided to enter in the field of coal-mining and gas exploration; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are also aware of the fact that keeping in view the importance of gas based future projects, NTPC has started its efforts in this field to store gas, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has applied for allocation of 16 numbers of coal mining blocks (Details enclosed at Statement) (*see* below) which have been recommended by the Ministry of Power. Out of the 16 blocks, NTPC has so far been allotted one coal Mine Block *viz*. Pakri-Barwadih, in the State of Jharkhand, under Govt. dispensation route for which NTPC has already taken up developmental activities.

Out of the balance 15 blocks, NTPC has also sought allocation of the following four coal blocks, for allocation on priority for its integrated Power-cum-Mining Projects. These are:-

•Machakata (Alternatively, Utkal 'A' merged with Gopalprasad West or Baitarini and Naini) in Talcher Coalfields (MCL)

•Pelma in Raigarh (SECL)

•Talaipali in Raigarh (SECL)

•Chichro-Patsimal in Brahmini (ECL)

As regards Gas exploration, NTPC has participated in bidding for gas and oil block offered under New Exploration and Licencing Policy - V

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(NELP-V) by Government of India. NTPC, as a lead member in consortium with Geopetrol and Canoro has successfully bagged the award of an on-land block namely AA-ONN-2003/2 in Arunachal Pradesh.

(d) No, Sir. NTPC is not venturing in the field of gas storage, at present.

Statement

List of coal blocks applied by NTPC for allocation under Captive/Govt. Dispensation route

Sl. No.	Blocks	Reserve in MT	Likely Grade	Application Dt./MOP Recom. Dt.	Block category	Integrated power station location & Capacity
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Pakri Barwadih, North Karanpura	1400	F	Allotted	Captive	
2	Pelma, SECL	850	F-G	04.11.04/ 11.2.05/ 01.03.05	Non CIL (Initially under captive list)	For integrated power project of 4000 MW at LARA (Raigarh)
3	Talaipalli, SECL	965				
4	Machakata, (*) Talcher	500	F-G	01.03.05/ 17.05.05	Non CIL	For integrated power project of 3200MW atTalcher, Derang
5a	Chichro Patsimal, ECL	356	E-G	07.05.05/ 24.05.05	Captive	Farakka-III expansion project (500 MW)
5b	Brammini, ECL	1900	F-G	04.11.04/ 11.02.05/ 01.03.05/	Non CIL	
6	Utkal-A, Talcher	335	F-G	18.09.03/ 27.03.03	Captive	
7	Utkal-B1, Talcher	228	F-G	30.10.03/ 17.12.03	Captive	
8	Kerandari, NK Area	375	F-G	30.10.03/ 17.12.03		
9	Chatti Bariatu, NK Area	224	F-G	30.10.03/ 17.12.03		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	Amelia, Singrauli	250	D-G	04.11.04/	Non CIL	
11	Amelia, North Singrauli			11.02.05/ 01.03.05		
12	Chharasal, Singrauli					
13	Mahan, Singrauli, NCL	180	F-G	01.03.05/ 17.05.05	Captive	
14	Meenakshi, IB Valley, MCL	350	F-G	01.03.05/ 11.02.05	CIL Block	For JV with CIL
15	Manoharpur IB Valley, MCL	180				
16	Dulanga	150				
(*) Suggested coal blocks details in place of Machhakata, MCL:						
1	Naini, MCL Talcher	350	E_G	01.08.05	Non CIL	
2	Baitarini (east), MCL	300	E-G	01.08.05	Non CIL	
3	Baitarini (west), MCL	600	E-G	01.08.05	Non CIL	

Incentive to rural artisans

*214. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what initiative Government are taking to provide incentive to the rural artisans especially women workers of the dying handicrafts industry so that such an art form from different parts of rural areas of the country representing different cultures can be revived and promoted to the outside world?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): The handicraft industry is not a dying industry, which can be seen from the